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The greed of the Republicans to stay in office far exceeds that of the Democrats to get in.

The Reporter suggests that hereafter he be called O'Dynamite Rossa, instead of O'Donovan Rossa.

The legislature so far passed one act, making an increase of magistrates for Philadelphia, and that was very properly vetoed by the governor.

The board of pardons will not interfere in the case of the wife-murderer, Dr. Beach, of Altoona, and he will have to hang Feb. 12.

A fellow in North Carolina made a wager that he could drink a quart of whiskey in forty minutes. He won the bet but died in two hours afterward. Whiskey is bound to kill.

A Republican paper down in Easton kicks against Beaver for governor next time. Unfortunately for the General, he has only one leg and can't kick back, but he can have it Don somehow we guess.

The Bell Telephone Co. of Philadelphia last year paid a dividend of 41 per cent. Yet they charge enormously for the use of their instruments which would be highly profitable at half present charges. "Hello!" give us cheaper telephone service.

The anti-treating bill, which has been introduced in the legislature, subjects any person who treats, or accepts a treat of any intoxicating drink, to a fine of \$10, or ten days in jail, or both, and in addition he must pay \$15 to the attorney prosecuting the case.

Representative Rhone has mailed us the Legislative Record. The Record, as usual, is four weeks behind. What a good thing it would be if our law-makers would abolish that costly nuisance, and adjourn. The people would then say for once, "well done."

Why not elect the U. S. Senators by a popular vote and do away with the present barbarous mode? Cameron, and other bosses, would not favor such a change—because depending upon a vote of the people he would never reach the Senate. Brains would win.

There seems to be very little sympathy for O'Dynamite Rossa on account of his being shot by Mrs. Dudley. This indicates a healthy state of feeling so far as sympathy for the methods of the dynamiters is concerned. Rossa will likely recover from the shooting and live to be shot at another day.

The Dauphin county grand jury in its presentment to the court, reports skating rinks a nuisance, because they are "detrimental to the health of young people and in a great measure destructive of the morals of the youths who frequent them." The grand jury inquired into the moral feature of skating rinks at the suggestion of Judge Simonton in his charge.

In the house, at Harrisburg, the following bills were favorably reported: Authorizing mutual fire insurance companies to insure against storms; to prevent perpetual building restrictions on real estate; enabling city, county and borough tax collectors to collect taxes for the payment of which they have become liable; extending the time for collection; creating the office of Recorder in Pittsburgh; prohibiting the treating to intoxicating drinks; prohibiting the propelling of traction engines in the highway unless the machines are preceded by two persons at least 300 feet distant to give warning of danger; for the government of cities of the fifth class; making the lowest liquor license \$500 and the highest \$1,000, and prohibiting no more than one license for every 200 assessed voters.

The roller skate is the coming thing. The next campaign will be run on roller skates. Candidates will electioneer on roller skates and he that won't mount them will be left behind. Men and women will go to church on roller skates. Doctors will visit their patients on roller skates. Preachers will make their pastoral visits on roller skates. Fellows will go to see their sweethearts on roller skates. Women will do their shopping on roller skates. Tipplers will take their grog on roller skates to steady their nerves. Babies will be rocked in cradles mounted on roller skates. The horse will be equipped with roller skates. The poodle dog will put on roller skates. Young ladies will expose themselves by tumbling on roller skates. Chairs, tables, beds, etc., will be put on roller skates. The roller skate is bound to be king, and the rink will take the place of the church for having the Gospel preached by a minister on roller skates. What a nation of fools we may yet be on roller skates.

In Youngstown, Ohio, Miss Reed shot her lover, Edward Shell, because he refused to fulfill his promise to marry her.

The Democrats of Illinois have nominated congressman Morrison for U. S. Senator and the Republicans have nominated Logan. The legislature is a tie, and it is hard to tell who will win. There may be a dead-lock.

GREED FOR OFFICE.

The greed of the republicans to remain in office, after an uninterrupted lease of 24 years, is astonishing, to say nothing of the cheek it requires to ask and expect retention at the hands of a Democratic administration. That Democrats should be anxious for the places, after asking nothing and getting nothing from a Republican administration for a quarter of a century, is quite natural and right and proper. The Democrats are entitled to the offices, the people meant that when they voted for a change by electing Cleveland. Now let the change be made, from high to low, where an honest Democrat can be found to accept a place of trust.

The people of Washington evidently understand that an inauguration only occurs once in four years. A glance at the advertising columns of the daily newspapers indicates that almost everybody who has a room or window on the line of march from Capitol to the White House is willing to rent it. Out of a score of advertisements the lowest price for single windows is \$10, or two for \$15. The highest prices asked are \$50 per window. The average is from \$20 to \$30. One person near Ninth street and the avenue offers to rent 40 seats at \$5 each. The most exorbitant rentals are at the intersection of Fifteenth street and the avenue. Thirty dollars is the very lowest asked for a fourth story window, the price increasing from that to \$50, according to location.

The United States Consul at Malaga reports to the Department of State, in regard to the recent earthquake in Spain that fifty villages have been destroyed and 2,000 lives have been lost. He also says that not less than 30,000 persons have quitted the city of Malaga, and that the rest of the population sleep in the open air. The death rate from disease has increased 300 per cent. At Jovena a river which ran through the town has entirely disappeared. At Albuñuelas the earth opened, swallowing the church and other buildings, so that nothing remains in sight but the weather-cock of the church spire. Two hundred bodies have already been taken from the ruins. At Velez-Malaga the prison, churches, convents, and City Hall have all been levelled to the ground.

LICFENSE BILLS.

Among the measures introduced in the House at Harrisburg, are three license bills by W. C. Wesley Thomas, of Philadelphia. The first fixes the license fees of retailers of liquor in quantities less than a quart at ten per cent. of their annual sales, beginning with \$35,000 or more, for which the license would be \$5,000, and then running down to \$3,000 or less, for which the retailer must pay \$300. The second fixes the licenses of wholesale dealers at 5 per cent. of their sales, the sliding scales running from an annual business of \$500,000, down to any sum less than \$6,000, which would cost the dealer \$250. The third fixes the licenses of manufacturers and bottlers at five per cent. of their sales, the lowest license costing \$500, for a trade of \$10,000 or less, and running up to \$50,000 for a business of \$1,000,000. Each of the bills would turn half the revenue for license into the treasuries of the counties where they are collected.

Congress is getting afraid of dynamite too. A writer says: The occurrence caused considerable excitement in view of the fact that it seems a threat has been made to blow up the House of Representatives and that members are greatly alarmed at the fact. It is said that more than twenty members excitedly approached the desk of the Sergeant-at-Arms and demanded that great police protection be afforded, and that every precaution should be taken to insure the safety of Congress during its sessions. Two things led to this state of alarm. A Senator communicated to a member of the House the circumstance that a lady interpreter in the State Department had spoken of a plot to blow up the House of Congress while in session. The others suspicious circumstance was the fire on the roof of the Capitol, which it is stated never could have been occasioned by spontaneous combustion, as at first given out. While every means was taken to conceal the excitement and apprehension of the members, the fact leaked out that the American Congress is thoroughly frightened over the rumors that some plot may be hatching to blow up the Capitol. Why the dynamiters should want to blow up the representatives of the people who largely sympathize with Ireland is incomprehensible.

If O'Dynamite Rossa recovers from Mrs. Dudley's shot, he might adopt this as his motto: What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

So long as the Penna. legislature does nothing it does no harm—there is that much "reform" anyhow.

Last week Senator Wallace of Clearfield, introduced an anti-discrimination bill in the Senate that is very exhaustive in its provisions. It provides that any railroad shall have the right to intersect, connect or cross any other railroad, and shall receive or transport passengers, tonnage and cars, loaded or empty, without delay. Any railroad or canal company refusing or neglecting to act as a common carrier or demanding an exorbitant compensation shall forfeit and pay threefold the actual damages suffered to persons or corporations by reason of such refusal. Any railroad or canal director, official or employe neglecting or refusing to aid in the performance of that railroad as a common carrier shall be adjudged guilty of misdemeanor, subject to imprisonment for not more than six months and pay a fine of not more than \$3,000. Any railroad demanding or receiving exorbitant rates for transportation of freight or passengers is subject to payment of threefold damage to the party injured, or employed so charged shall be adjudged guilty of misdemeanor, with the punishment stated in the first instance. Threefold damage is to be awarded where unjust discrimination is practiced.

Our legislature is cutting out a lot of work for the session, among which the following bills have been reported affirmatively. The titles indicate good bills:

Making appropriation of \$10,000 for State representation at New Orleans exposition.

To encourage and authorize the formation of co-operative associations by farmers, mechanics, laborers and others.

To provide for better supervision of common schools.

Regulating the term of professional teachers.

To extend the minimum school term to six months.

Relating to the study of physiology and hygiene in the public schools.

Fixing the standard weight and measure of milk sold in this state.

To regulate the practice of pharmacy, the sale of poisons and prevent the adulteration of drugs.

Regulating the contracts for the sale and purchase of stocks, etc.

Compelling butchers and drovers to pay mercantile tax.

Among the bills presented were the following:

For the government and regulation of county jails and prisons.

Supplement to the act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday.

To prevent treating in saloons and other places.

Authorizing the courts to direct by rule or special order the advertising of sheriff's sales in German newspapers.

To provide for more uniform methods in the keeping of State accounts.

Providing for the payment of newspapers for publishing mercantile licences by warrant of the Auditor General.

The house committee at Harrisburg has reported against the grangers' road tax-bill.

MACHINE SHOP BURNED AT HUNTINGDON.

Huntingdon, Pa., Febr'y 8.—Clark & Lane's machine shop caught fire this morning and burned to the ground. Machinery worth \$5,000 was destroyed, on which there was \$2,600 insurance. No insurance on building. Origin of fire unknown.

THE EXCITEMENT IN HOCKING VALLEY.

Columbus, Ohio, Febr'y 8.—Hocking Valley was excited last night over rumors of a concentrated attack by the strikers. Over 400 shots were fired in the neighborhood of Nelsonville and Buchtel about 10 o'clock, but no attack was made. The patrol trains drove the strikers off.

Chicago, Ill., Febr'y 8.—Decidedly the worst snow storm thus far this season set in about 8 o'clock to-night. Advices from other points indicate that the area of the storm is large. It is snowing at Omaha and meeting at Springfield, Ill.

KILLED AND EATEN BY WOLVES.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 22.—A. H. Butts, Secretary of the Chicago Lumber Company, has just returned from a logging camp, near Metropolis, Mich., a point in the pines, forty miles north of Escanaba. He said the night before he left camp the mercury had dropped to 43 degrees below zero. This was the climax of four days of very extreme cold weather. That night an old trapper and Indian hunter, named Tom Dudging, returning from a hunting trip, was killed and eaten by wolves within two miles of the camp. The wolves are more numerous and bold than usual on account of the scarcity of small game. His friends in searching for him the next morning found his closely gnawed bones and thirteen dead wolves lying near him, pierced by his rifle balls, and his Winchester loaded by his side, with one chamber still filled.

FALL OF KHARTOUM.

THE CITY CAPTURED BY THE MAHDI IN ADVANCE OF ENGLISH RELIEF.

London, Feb. 5.—Intelligence has just been received here that Khartoum has been captured by the Arabian rebels. The whereabouts of Gen. Gordon is unknown. He is probably a prisoner in the hands of the victors.

The war office has issued the following: "Telegrams from General Wolsley announced that the fall of Khartoum took place on Jan. 26. He says Col. Wilson arrived at Khartoum Jan. 28, and was greatly surprised to find that the enemy were in possession of that place. He immediately started on his return down the river and proceeded under a heavy fire from the rebels. When some miles below the Shublaqa cataract Col. Wilson's steamers were wrecked, but he and his whole party managed to reach an island in safety where they are secure. A steamer has gone to bring them back to the British camp near Metemneh."

Gen. Wolsley says he has no information regarding the fate of Gen. Gordon and does not know whether he is dead or alive.

There is no longer any doubt but that the Mahdi holds possession of the town of Khartoum. Some hopes are still entertained that Gen. Gordon may still be holding out in the citadel of the town.

A native reports that the Mahdi had 60,000 men in the vicinity of Khartoum, and that he introduced a number of his emissaries into the city. The emissaries mingled freely with the native troops under Gen. Gordon, and by bribes, and threats and working on their religious feelings induced them to mutiny. Seven thousand of the garrison deserted to the rebels, leaving Gordon only 2,500 faithful soldiers. With this small force he attempted to hold the city against the Mahdi's great army, but after severe fighting, in which a large number of the rebels were killed, he was compelled to surrender.

When Sir Chas. Wilson reached Khartoum he found the Mahdi's forces occupied both the town and citadel. He tried to land and ascertain the fate of General Gordon, but this step he found impossible. The enemy's guns were turned upon him in full force. He was therefore compelled to turn his back upon the fallen city.

The news of the downfall of Khartoum has created grave apprehensions in regard to the whole Egyptian province among the members of the cabinet. Mr. Gladstone and Earl Granville started for London as soon as the news reached them. The cabinet council will be held this evening.

2,000 MEN MASSACRED AT KHARTOUM.

Cairo, Feb. 6.—Rumors have reached here that 2,000 men were massacred at Khartoum. The news of the disaster has cast a gloom over the entire European colony in Egypt. The English garrison now consists of 1,200 at Alexandria, 3,850 at Cairo and 150 marines at Suez. There are no forces at Port Said excepting one gunboat. The man-of-war Monarch is at Alexandria.

THE MAHDI THREATENS TO WIPE THE ENGLISH FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

London, Feb. 6.—The following is the message from the Mahdi to Col. Wilson: "I call upon you to surrender. I shall not write again. If you do not become Mohammedans, I will wipe you off the face of the earth." The statement is confirmed that Faraz Pasha treacherously made terms with El Mahdi whereby the latter was enabled to capture Khartoum.

Gen. Wolsley sends the following dispatch: "Calcutt's convoy has reached Gubat safely. The enemy at Metemneh have been entirely inactive since January 28. The rebel force there is estimated at between two and three thousand men, of whom 250 are horsemen and 500 have rifles. Our men are in good health. The wounded are doing well.

The Kabbabish tribes are still carrying messages and supplies for us to Gakdui Wells. A message has been sent to ascertain the fate of Gen. Gordon." The decision of the cabinet in giving General Wolsley a carte blanche has caused the liveliest joy everywhere. Groups of people are gathered in the streets reading the latest issues of the evening papers.

EXCITEMENT AT THE WAR OFFICE AT LONDON.

London, Feb. 6.—The war office was thronged throughout the day yesterday with foreign ministers, members of the house of commons and other public officials. Orders have been sent to Portsmouth to hold the various transports now there in readiness for immediate service. At various political and other meetings had throughout the kingdom yesterday the speakers expressed sympathy with Gen. Gordon and the hope that the government would adopt vigorous and decisive measures. The newspaper offices are besieged with anxious inquirers. Mr. Wilfred Blunt says it is his opinion that the Mahdi being humane and well accustomed to the usages of war, will treat Gen. Gordon well.

THE SUDAN WAR TO BE PROSECUTED.

London, Feb. 6.—General Wolsley should do in event of success as to what he asked for specific orders as to what he should do in event of General Gordon being found dead. After a very animated and prolonged discussion the cabinet replied that the campaign should be prosecuted until the rebellion was suppressed.

MRS. DUDLEY BUOYANT.

New York, Feb. 5.—O'Donovan Rossa's assailant, Mrs. Dudley, was in her usual placid frame of mind this morning when a reporter called to see her. She had just finished reading four letters which had been brought to her from the morning mail. One of them bore the postmark of Wilkesbarre, the others were from this city. Mrs. Dudley said she had received congratulatory messages from both Englishmen and Irishmen. Some offered assistance, others advice. She read, with considerable amusement, the report from London that she had during her youth studied for the stage. She is still reticent concerning her personal history.

It is said that the French railroad companies are about to adopt an electric gate opener. A catch connected with an electro-magnet keeps the gates closed. When a train approaches it closes the circuit, releases the catch, and the gates fly open. The last train as it passes through opens the circuit, and the gates are again closed. The same apparatus rings a bell violently on the approach of a train.

Lead tanks which withstood sulphuric acid perfectly, Mr. S. P. Sharples reports, were soon destroyed by hydrochloric acid. In some recent experiments undertaken to destroy cotton fibre by means of hot hydrochloric acid it was found that leadlined vessels were soon rendered useless by it. Even the cold acid could not be kept in wooden tanks lined with lead. Most authors say that lead is only slightly affected by hydrochloric acid.

On brass, a technical journal says, a steel color is developed by using a boiling solution of arsenic chloride, while a careful application of a concentrated solution of sodium sulphide causes a blue coloration. Black being generally used for optical instruments, is obtained from a solution of platinum chloride to which tin nitrate has been added. In Japan the brass is bronzed by using a boiling solution of copper sulphate, alum, and verdigris.

Some remarks were recently made by M. F. Tissand on the theory of the figure of the planets. His calculations and estimates of their present form were founded upon the assumption that the celestial bodies were originally in the fluid state, subject only to the mutual attraction of their constituent elements, and endowed with a rotary movement with very slight angular velocity. Their outer surface would thus be somewhat of a revolving ellipsoid.

M. F. A. Forel has stated to the Academy of Sciences, Paris, that a second trip to the Alps, made toward the end of August, has enabled him to confirm and complete the details of the luminous phenomena observed around the sun in Switzerland, as previously communicated by him. He invites aeronauts to study some of these effects of light, and especially the red corona round the sun, scarcely able to be perceived from the plains and low elevations, but perfectly visible at altitudes of from 3,000 to 6,000 feet above the sea level.

It has been proved beyond all doubt that waters which circulate or stand in leaden pipes or vessels not only take up particles of lead through mechanical action due to friction, but attack the metal because of the affinity of several of their constituents, the result being generally lead carbonate. Minute quantities of lead introduced into the system must rank among the factors of anaemia and defective nutrition in large towns. Therefore, concludes M. A. Hamon, pipes, cisterns, and utensils of lead ought utterly to disappear.

At a factory at Thann, France, the first products of the distillation of crude benzol, which are called light benzol, are used in dissolving caoutchouc. A workman engaged in making the solution died of poison taken into the system during the operation. The light benzol contains, besides carbon disulphide, ethylic alcohol, carbides of the series of the olefines, amylene, hexylene, etc., benzol, methyleyanide, or aceto-nitrile, a small quantity of an isocyanide. Messrs. Werner and Neeltling have traced the poisonous properties of ordinary benzol to a little of this isocyanide. Animals poisoned with ethyl isocyanide exhibited the same symptoms as the person who fell a victim to the light benzol of Thann. The benzol, when freed from the isocyanide, had no poisonous action.

John Avis, jailor of Jefferson county, Virginia, during the whole time that John Brown was in prison, denies in an affidavit that Brown kissed a negro child in his mother's arms on his way to the scaffold, or expressed thanks that he was "allowed to die for a cause, and not merely to pay the debt of nature as all just." His only remarks between his cell and scaffold were commonplace, about the beauty of the country and the weather. As to kissing a child, nothing of the sort could have occurred, for a guard of soldiers surrounded him, and allowed no person to come between them and the prisoner, except his escort.

There is this difference between those two temporal blessings, health and money—money is the most envied, but the least enjoyed; health is the most enjoyed, but the least envied; and this superiority of the latter is still more obvious when we reflect that the poorest man would not part with health for money, but that the richest would gladly part with all his money for health.

KILLED AND INJURED ON RAILROAD TRACK.

Huntingdon, Feb. 8.—Annie and Ella Miller, aged 17 and 13 respectively, were struck by the express at Mapleton last night. Ella was instantly killed and Anna was seriously injured, but will probably recover. The girls were walking on the railroad track and were on their way home from prayer meeting.

When your children are threatened with croup or whooping-cough, beware how you tell them to sleep with cough syrups whose principle ingredients are morphia or opium. The natural effort of the lungs to expel the suffocating mucus is coughing. Dr. Kessler's Celebrated English Cough Medicine contains no morphia or opium in any form, and by its stimulating actions on the kidneys, bowels, and pores of the skin, more than any other remedy, assists Nature in breaking up and expelling the worst colds from the system. Money refunded to dissatisfied purchasers. Sold everywhere. JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY, & Co., Philadelphia, Agents.

BLIZZARDS GETTING WORSE IN ILLINOIS.

Jacksonville, Ills., Feb. 9.—The worst blizzard of the season began last night, accompanied by thunder and lightning. It has been raining all of to-day, and tonight at seven o'clock the thermometer stood at zero, but it was rapidly getting colder. All trains are delayed. The Chicago & Alton refuse to take out stock trains for the north. At Franklin a fiery stable was struck by lightning, killing a horse. Two boys were knocked senseless and the entire village was shaken up by the shock.

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Gen. Gordon was treacherously murdered at Khartoum.

Dubuque, Iowa, morning of 10, 31 below zero.

Accounts of great snowstorms this week from all parts of the west.

An old and a new subscriber to the Reporter can get the New York Weekly World, each one year, for \$2.25 sent up in advance. A great bargain. If

THE SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE.

The country of the Upper Nile was, par excellence, the wonderland of the Roman world, as it is still the grandest outdoor museum of natural curiosities. Zoologically there is no more densely populated country. All the wild beasts and birds, made homeless by the devastation of Northern Africa, seem to have taken refuge in the Nubian highlands. In the terra-coel of the Nubian and Abyssinian Alps there roam herds of elephants, buffaloes, wild goats, wild sheep, and fourteen different species of wild antelopes. Further 'below the hippopotamus and white rhinoceros haunt the river swamps.

Prof. Blanford enumerates 290 species of water birds. With these harmless settlers less desirable guests have crowded in—the spotted hyena, the jackal, the black and yellow lion, four species of smaller cats, wild dogs, and, above all, the cynocephalus, the wily and mischievous baboon. Three varieties of these Darwinian pets inhabit the rocks of Southern Nubia—the little babuin, the cynocephalus proper, and the celada, or mantle baboon, a fierce and powerful fellow, whose shaggy mane protects his body like a cloak, and enables him to brave the climate of the upper highlands. Prof. Knapp and Hottel agree on the fact that a troop of these brutes, in ravaging a corn-field, will not only hold their ground against all comers, but on the slightest provocation take the offensive in a way not likely to be forgotten by the unarmed natives. Dogs have no chance whatever against a full-grown baboon. The old males do not wait to be attacked, but charge them at once with an energy and skill of co-operation that would do credit to a troop of well-drilled soldiers. The hyrax, a queer pedomer, allied to the European badger, cohabits the rocks with a hibernating marmot, and the coast jungles swarm with wild hogs that multiply undisturbed, for the Abyssinian natives share the pork prejudices of their Mohammedan neighbors.

The Eastern Caucasus was formerly a similar hunter's paradise, but the hungry Muscovites clean out the forests at the rate of eight square miles a year, and when the irrepressible conflict between the bison and the pot-hunter of the Great West shall have made our happy hunting-grounds a tradition of the past, the Upper Nile will, perhaps, become a rendezvous for the sportmen of all Caucasian nations.

"Did you know," he said, in a hushed, awed tone, "that unscrupulous dealers use glue in their ice cream to give it firmness?" "No," she responded, in an even voice, as she clinked her spoon suggestively against the bottom of the empty saucer; "but even if it were true, I should never feel stuck up over one plateful." And he silently groaned as he ordered in a second allowance.